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**CTWG COMMANDERS' CALL  
 MINUTES  
 03 January 2007**

**Attendance:**

Wing Commander	Col Jensen	
Vice Commander	Lt Col Valleau	EX
Chief of Staff	Lt Col Huchko	
State Director	Lt Col Isabelle	NP
Wing Administrator	1Lt A. Tucker	
103 <sup>rd</sup> Composite Squadron (CT004)	Capt Kinsky	
143 <sup>rd</sup> Composite Squadron (CT011)	1Lt Palys	
Silver City Cadet Squadron (CT014)	Maj Daviault	REP (Graves)
Stratford Eagles Composite Squadron (CT022)	Maj Oestreicher	
169 <sup>th</sup> Composite Squadron (CT027)	Lt Col Magurany	
399 <sup>th</sup> Composite Squadron (CT042)	1Lt Dellavecchia	
C.K. Hamilton Composite Squadron (CT058)	Capt Trujillo	
Northwest Hills Composite Squadron (CT062)	Lt Col Hull	REP (Hull, L.)
Royal Charter Composite Squadron (CT071)	Capt Dill	
CT Minuteman Composite Squadron (CT073)	1Lt Bodwell	NP
Danielson Cadet Squadron (CT074)	Lt Col Provost	
Thames River Composite Squadron (CT075)	Lt Col Kinch	
Safety Officer	1Lt Vertefeuille	
Director of Ops	Col Sturges	
Director of Cadet Programs	Maj Marteka	
Cadet Programs Assistant	1Lt Leslie	
Guest	2Lt Tim McCandless	
Cadet Advisory Council members		

(REP) Representative, (NP) Not Present, (EX) Excused

Colonel Jensen called meeting to order at 1935L.

**Colonel Jensen**

- 1996 was when the last charter of a new unit in Connecticut took place. As far back as WWII, there was a Squadron in Waterbury. It folded in February 1969. The Wolcott unit lasted into the 70s.

**Lt Col Huchko**

- Presentation of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Composite Squadron, CT011, commanded by Lt Joe Palys.
- This is a milestone for Connecticut
- Cadets dismissed.

### **Colonel Jensen**

- 16-Jan-2007 will be the presentation of the Guidon in Waterbury.
- There will be an Open House in Waterbury during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of February. The exact date is still to be determined.
- Vehicles reports are due.
- The Wing Conference is only four (4) months away. Begin to consider which people in your unit should be nominated for awards.
- The UCC Course must be taken by all unit commanders.
- There was a CD and Drug Enforcement Administration meeting. We are hoping to see more missions with them.
- We have a new Wing Safety Officer, Lt Sarah Vertefeuille.
- A Survey of Audit will be 01-May-2007 through 04-May-2007. Two Squadrons are also randomly selected to be part of this inspection. The Stratford Eagles and C.K. Hamilton have been chosen.
- Wreath Across America was a big success. Ceremonies were in Middletown and Rocky Hill. It was very good exposure.
- Lt Col Hull's Chaplain had a special service for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CAP.
- Wing-wide O-flights are scheduled for 18-Feb.
- The next O-flight day will either be at Meriden or Waterbury/Oxford.
- A Region Encampment may still take place at the same time as the CT Wing Encampment. It may be held at Otis Air Force Base.

### **Lt Col Huchko**

- Lt Col Brignola needs the vehicle logs. If they have not been dropped off tonight, they need to be faxed to his house no later than tomorrow.
- The Annual Inventory Audit, S3, must be returned by March Commander's Call.
- PA1s and PA2s are due. A template was emailed to all Squadron Commanders.
- The Great Start Program must be used as per Maj Gen Pineda.
- If renewals are not done, the info at NHQ is deleted. Although it may still be on a CAPWatch, it will not be at NHQ. Be sure to check CAPWatch.
- There is a Best Practices section under Professional Development on the CAP website that has a lot of information including the ECI13 manuals, forms, org charts and more.
- All Squadrons will be asked for their 2006 reports. Lt Leslie will be putting together a template. This must be sent to NHQ by May.
- Quinnipiac University needs a color guard on 27-Jan, 28-Jan, and one day in February. Anyone interested should contact Lt Col Valleau.
- Only five (5) Squadrons have replied to Lt Col Valleau concerning requirements for the next phase of the Rocketry Program. He needs the remaining reports.
- All Commanders need to stop by the Communications Officer to pick up an equipment verification list.
- Use the Wing Calendar.

### **Col Sturges**

- We made great strides last year especially in the area of flying.
- Form 18s are done for December.
- One (1) plane has been down for one (1) month for a 100-hr inspection. N9573X is promised to be available by the end of the week.
- The Glass Cockpit is currently VFR only since there are problems with the panel.
- Capt Sledge will be assisting Squadrons with training to get additional Ground Team Leaders.
- 10-Feb is a Wing-wide SAREX at Brainard. All planes will be in Hartford.

- A new position has been created at Wing, the Incident Command Liaison Officer. Capt Jack Brophy will be filling this position in order to monitor all equipment such that we can better determine what is available, what condition it is in, and where it is located.

### **1Lt Vertefeuille**

- Safety briefing on home safety.

### **CT004**

- We have continued to be active in the Rocketry Program. Twenty (20) Cadets have met all of the requirements of the Redstone State and successfully completed the Titan written exam. Ten (10) other Cadets are also actively in the program.
- We are continuing to see a strong interest in the Squadron and our ranks are growing. Those who have recently joined, both Cadet and Senior, are already getting very active in the Squadron.
- We supported the CT ANG base Christmas party for Children's Place.
- We have a fun night out at Laser Quest on Friday, 08-Dec.
- We had our year end Squadron party on 29-Dec.
- 1Lt Dammers earned the Yeager Award.
- We will have a change of Cadet Command ceremony. The exact date in January is still to be determined.
- CT Rep Ferrari of East Granby will be visiting the Squadron on 02-Feb.
- We have had two (2) Cadets earn the Earhart.

### **CT011**

- There are rumors that some Cadets in area Squadrons are looking for transfers. Looking to receive confirmation on any of these from the Commanders.
- Recruiting is going well. Four (4) prospective Cadets; three (3) prospective Seniors.
- Drill Team practice may be held at the squadron.
- 16-Jan will be the ceremony for the presentation of the Gideon. Additional support from other Squadrons is needed. Blues will be worn. This will be a great photo opportunity. It would be nice to have any available amateur photographers attend. The ceremony will be from 7pm until 9pm.
- Open House is tentatively scheduled for 06-Feb.

### **CT014**

- Flooding problems at the facility continue.
- Squadron had a Christmas party.
- One (1) new member.
- One (1) Cadet passed the Mitchell but needs time in grade.
- Coordinating First-Aid and CPR classes.
- Cadets need a ride to Winter and Summer Hawk. CT042 can support this request.

### **CT022**

- Ten (10) Cadets attended two (2) weekends of O-flights.
- Representative met with Jr ROTC.
- Squadron had a holiday party.
- Four (4) participants in the Training Leaders for Cadets program.
- Had a Mitchell recipient.
- Two (2) Cadets have applied for National activities.

### **CT027**

- Mitchell award presented.
- This Saturday, ES training will take place in Gay City.

- 13-Jan will be working on the Rocketry program.
- 20-Jan will be attending Dog Training at HFD.
- Will have a presence at the CISM training at the end of January.

#### **CT042**

- CPR course was completed.
- Waiting on the First-Aid videos.
- FAA Wings Ground Course for Cadets is ongoing.
- Jr ROTC is joining the Squadron for joint activities with Danbury High School.

#### **CT058**

- Lost LaserTag against the 103<sup>rd</sup>.
- Two (2) new Seniors; one (1) new Cadet.
- Starting an NCO school.
- Will be coordinating a trip to Oshkosh. It will be \$550 per person for the tentative dates of 13-Jul-2007 through 17-Jul-2007. An invitation will be sent to all Squadrons.

#### **CT062**

- There was a write up in the Waterbury paper covering the service for CAP's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- The State presented a commendation for the Squadron's activities in the Northwest Hills.
- 21-Jan is a tentative date for an Open House.
- Six (6) Cadets participated in a Sword Ceremony at a wedding.
- Two (2) new Seniors and one (1) transfer Senior.
- A Cadet received the Mitchell.
- Two (2) new Mitchell's to be presented.

#### **CT071**

- Participated at Wreaths Across America. Four (4) TV stations were there for coverage.
- Three (3) members were in the Check Airman Course in December. All still need checkrides which are difficult to get scheduled. Also have been unable to schedule Glass Cockpit checkrides.
- There was an article in the Journal Inquirer covering the SAREX with Representative Pam Sawyer including a photo. It talked about the latest technology in the Glass Cockpit and covered a full page.
- A Mitchell will be awarded the last Friday in January
- The unit is prepping for inspection.
- AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) will hold the 2007 Expo in Hartford. We will be getting involved. It is scheduled for 04-Oct-2007 through 06-October-2007.
- Held a SAREX on 28-Dec. There were no Ground Teams, but there were six (6) sorties.
- Lots of new people joining.
- Beginning primary flight instruction for two (2) cadets.

#### **CT074**

- Two (2) new Cadets
- Another possible Cadet may be joining tomorrow.
- There is a need for Senior GTLs. Lt Col Provost is willing to do a weekend of instruction. It won't complete everything needed for GTL, but it will be a great help. He will work through Capt Sledge. It may be possible to have Region do the classroom portion in Hartford at a more central location.
- An Earhart is coming up.
- Aircraft instructors from Ellis will be coming in to give a hand with the Rocketry Program.

- Encampment: A few applications are already in. All Staff applications need to be in by February Commander. Basics can start applying at March Commanders Call. Interviews for Cadet Staff will be held at the end of February. The Cadet Executive Staff is communicating well. Capt Trujillo is interested in possibly running the Encampment next year.

Meeting adjourned at 2055L. Dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey A. Tucker, 1LT, CAP  
CTWG Administrator